GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Supervisory lapses for supply of inputs under NFSM scheme during 2016 to 2019 which leads to misappropriation of non-subsidy amount of Rs.27,07,706/- to Government Agencies (AP Agros and AP Seeds) in Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District – Initiation of disciplinary action against Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Issuance of Articles of Charge – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 131 **Dated: 18-03-2025**

Read the following:

Ref: 1. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(5)106/2021, dt.03.09.2024 & 26.11.2024.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/37/2025-Vig.I, dt.27.01.2025.
3. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.1515988/2021, dt.15.02.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District with regard to supervisory lapses for supply of inputs under NFSM scheme during 2016 to 2019 which leads to misappropriation of non-subsidy amount of Rs.27,07,706/- to Government Agencies (AP Agros and AP Seeds) in Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District, is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. Attention of Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam and presently, working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Rajam, Vizianagaram District.
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. CHANDRA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), RANASTHALAM AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ADA (R), RAJAM, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

Article of Charge- I:

"That the said Sri K. Chandra Rao, Assistant Director of Agriculture, while working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R) Ranasthalam has not submitted any records, evidences for verifications and confirmation of actual amount remittance by Sri R. Appa Rao, the then MAO, Laveru even after several requests by the Audit Team, it seems to be gross negligence in his duties which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Article of Charge –II:

"That the said Sri K. Chandra Rao, Assistant Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (R) Ranasthalam has not taken any responsibility to maintain connected records as DDO on non-subsidy amount of Rs.27,07,707/- collected from the farmers, but not remitted to concerned Government Agencies till date, which lead to misappropriation of Govt. funds and also not taken necessary steps to clear the non-subsidy dues of Laveru Mandal under his jurisdiction, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. CHANDRA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), RANASTHALAM AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ADA (R). RAJAM. VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

Basis of charge:

The Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam has stated that vide Memo No. AGC02-17/2019 NFSM dt.05-12-2020, the NFSM Section of O/o C&DA, A.P. Guntur has instructed the JDA office to submit the details of pending subsidy along with the CFMS Bill Nos and the details of officers who have not paid the non-subsidy portion to AP Agros on or before 19-12-2020 to take drastic action against them. And also the instructions were issued to all concerned to pay the non-subsidy to M/s AP Agros immediately. And accordingly, the JDA, Srikakulam has issued Exp. Memo. vide No. Plg. (6) 370/2019, dated 23-12-2020 to all ADAs of Srikakulam District under copy to the concerned MAOs along with enclosures of year wise amounts pending list with instructions to remit the dues by 25-12-2020 and otherwise confirm the defaulters name for onward submission to the O/o. C&DA, A.P. Guntur. Further, the then AO and the then AEOs of Laveru Mandal has failed to clear the due amounts of Rs.27,07,706/- to the Government supplying agencies.

Further, the inquiry officer in his report. dt.08.09.2023 has stated that the then immediate Supervisory Officer, Sri K. Chandra Rao, ADA®, Ranasthalam, presently working as ADA (R), Rajam, Vizianagaram district being DDO has not provided any kind of information on other dues about the then AO and AEOS of Laveru Mandal during the enquiry. As a Supervisory Officer, he is supposed to monitor the scheme closely for its objectivity day-to-day in his jurisdiction.

As per the report of Audit team, Sri K.Chandra Rao, the then ADA (R), Ranasthalam, presently working as ADA (R), Rajam, Vizianagaram district not submitted any records, evidences for verifications and confirmation of actual amount remittance by the above individual even after several requests by the Audit Team and simply stated that no such record is available.

It is responsibility of ADA to maintain connected records on non-subsidy amounts and non-subsidy amounts due to the agencies during his tenure. But no physical record was furnished to the Special Audit Team.

Sri R. Appa Rao, the then MAO, Laveru and Sri K. Chandra Rao, the then ADA (R), Ranasthalam are responsible persons for misappropriation of Govt. money. Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH, THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. CHANDRA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), RANASTHALAM, PRESENTLY WORKING AS ADA (R), RAJAM, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Inquiry report submitted by Inquiry Officer vide Lr. I.O. Vig-II(5)106/2021 Dt.8.09.2023.
2. Guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No. 25, Dt.04.02.2004, GA (SER.C) Dept.
3. Audit report of the CAO, O/o. C&DA, AP, Guntur, dt.29.10.2024.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. CHANDRA RAO, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), RANASTHALAM, PRESENTLY WORKING AS ADA (R), RAJAM, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-NIL-

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